

**VOTE TO MAKE HEALTH
CARE YOUR MISSION.**

**2008
OPERATION HEALTHY VOTE
CAMPAIGN MATERIALS**



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Date: 8/5/2008

To: Hospital Administrators and Health Care Marketing and PR Professionals

From: Shannon Coker, Director of Government Relations, Mississippi Hospital Association

Re: Operation Healthy Vote Campaign

The Mississippi Hospital Association is on a mission to make sure each health care vote counts on Election Day! Now, more than ever, political decisions influence the health care community. Even a small number of voters can impact election outcomes. Mississippi has over 60,000 health care workers. Collectively, we can all help make a difference on the local, state and federal level.

In 2008, we will cast votes for both Federal and State elections. On the Federal level, we will vote for a new President /Vice President and a US Senator to represent Mississippi in Washington, D.C. On the State level, we will elect Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges.

Operation Healthy Vote will be ready to give marching papers to all health care employees who register to vote or change their address before the October 3rd deadline. We will also be encouraging and reminding hospital employees to vote on Election Day, November 4th. Hospital employees can register to vote via mail or online at www.operationhealthyvote.com. They may also fax their application to MHA at (601) 368-3200 (attention: Shannon Coker) and we will mail it in for them.

MHA encourages all hospitals to create an Operation Healthy Vote station where employees can drop off voter registration forms or updated address information while at work. (You can fax or mail the forms in bulk to us and we will mail it to the correct county office for you.) Larger hospitals may want several stations – or individuals may want to create a station for their department. Remember to emphasize to employees that the forms are not just to register to vote. If they have moved or changed their name, they can use the forms to update their information.

Please see the attached materials to start your campaign, including: an individual pledge form for employees to pledge their support to Operation Healthy Vote and to request more information, a Mississippi voter registration form, a poster to promote Operation Healthy Vote, a sample newsletter for the campaign and Operation Healthy Vote paycheck stuffers.

For any questions or additional support materials, please contact Shannon Coker at (800) 289-8884, (601) 368-3250 or scoker@mhanet.org.



Campaign Material Checklist

- Pledge Form for Employees
- Voter Registration Form
- Sample Newsletter Story for Campaign
- Operation Healthy Vote Poster
- Operation Healthy Vote Paycheck Stuffers



VOTE TO MAKE HEALTH CARE YOUR MISSION.

Operation Healthy Vote is raising awareness across Mississippi. In 2008, our nation will cast votes for a new President and Vice President. Also, a U.S. Senate representative will be elected for Mississippi. On the State level, Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges will be elected. Hospitals, health care facilities and health care campuses across the state are joining together to increase health care voter registration, education and participation in local, state and national races.

Operation Healthy Vote is asking all health care employees and interested citizens to “pledge” their support! Please sign the form below and register to vote at your current residence address, get educated about the candidates and show up at the polls on Election Day. After we receive this form, Operation Healthy Vote will mail your “marching papers” to inform you of voting polls in your district, voting contacts in your county and information on candidates in your area. We will also send you information about absentee voting.

YES, I WANT TO VOTE AND MAKE HEALTH CARE MY MISSION.

I pledge my support to Operation Healthy Vote. I promise to register to vote. I promise to educate myself about the potential candidates and their views on health care issues. And, most importantly, I promise to vote on Election Day.

Name _____ Signature _____

Hospital or Company _____

Residential Address _____
(No P.O. Boxes, please.)

Mailing Address _____
(If different from above. If not, leave blank.)

E-mail _____

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or scoker@mhanet.org or visit www.operationhealthyvote.com.

Completed forms may be faxed to (601) 368-3200, Attn: Shannon Coker

Oct. 3, 2008 - Deadline to Register to Vote

Nov. 4, 2008 - Election Day

www.operationhealthyvote.com

MISSISSIPPI VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

IMPORTANT!

- If you are not registered to vote where you now live, you can use this form to register to vote or report that your name or address has changed.
- If you have questions call your county Circuit Clerk or call the Secretary of State at 1-800-829-6786.
- Complete all sections of this form, then mail or hand deliver it to your county Circuit Clerk AT LEAST 30 days before the election in which you want to vote.
- If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, you will be mailed a voter card that tells you where to vote.

Section I. APPLICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Please select one of the following: New Registration Change of Information

- 1) Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No *NOTE: If you checked "No" in response to questions 1 or 2, do not complete this form.*
- 2) Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes No

CIRCLE Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle/Maiden Name:	Suffix: (JR, II)
Physical Home Address (Number & Street/Road/Dorm/Apt. or Lot #):		City:	County:	State: MS Zip:
Mailing Address (if different from above, include zip code):			Date of Birth:	
Driver's License Number (If you do not have a driver's license, then list the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number): ***				

*****Identification Requirement:** If you do not have a driver's license or social security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the county you are now registering in, you must send, with this application, either a) a copy of current and valid photo identification, or b) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. If you do not provide the information requested above, you will be required to provide to election officials either (a) or (b) above the first time you vote after January 1, 2004 at a voting place or by absentee ballot.

Section II. IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME OR ADDRESS, LIST THAT NAME OR ADDRESS

CIRCLE Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle/Maiden Name:	Suffix: (JR, II)
Previous Address (Number & Street/Road/Dorm/Apt. or Lot #):				
Previous City:	Previous County:	Previous State:	Previous Zip:	

Section III. VOTER DECLARATION- Read and Sign

I swear/affirm that: I am a U.S. citizen. I will have lived in this state and county for at least 30 days before voting, and if a resident of a municipality, I will have lived in the municipality for at least 30 days before voting. I have never been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, or bigamy, or I have had my rights restored as required by law. I have not been declared mentally incompetent by a court. Furthermore, I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years old (or I will be before the next general election), the information given by me is true and correct and that I have truly answered all questions on this application for registration, and that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

X _____
Signature (or mark) of applicant

Date: _____

X _____
If applicant is unable to sign, the signature of the person who Helped fill out this application is required to sign.

Date: _____

Daytime phone number(s) where applicant can be reached

WARNING: False registration is a felony. The penalty for conviction of false registration is imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5000), or both.

<p>For Office Use Only</p>

Please mail your form to your county's Circuit Clerk – choose from the list below.

ADAMS COUNTY

P O Box 1224
Natchez, MS 39121

ALCORN COUNTY

P O Box 430
Corinth, MS 38835

AMITE COUNTY

P O Box 312
Liberty, MS 39645

ATTALA COUNTY

118 W Washington
Kosciusko, MS 39090

BENTON COUNTY

P O Box 262
Ashland, MS 38603

BOLIVAR COUNTY

P O Box 670
Cleveland, MS 38732

CALHOUN COUNTY

P O Box 25
Pittsboro, MS 38951

CARROLL COUNTY

P O Box 6
Vaiden, MS 39176

CHICKASAW COUNTY

1 Pinson Rd. Room 2
Houston, MS 38851

CHOCTAW COUNTY

P O Box 34
Ackerman, MS 39735

CLAIBORNE COUNTY

P O Box 549
Port Gibson, MS 39150

CLARKE COUNTY

P O Box 216
Quitman, MS 39355

CLAY COUNTY

P O Box 364
West Point, MS 39773

COAHOMA COUNTY

P O Box 849
Clarksdale, MS 38614

COPIAH COUNTY

P O Box 467
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

COVINGTON COUNTY

P O Box 667
Collins, MS 39428

DESOTO COUNTY

2535 Hwy 51S, Room 201
Hernando, MS 38632

FORREST COUNTY

P O Drawer 992
Hattiesburg, MS 39403

FRANKLIN COUNTY

P O Box 267
Meadville, MS 39653

GEORGE COUNTY

355 Cox, Suite C
Lucedale, MS 39452

GREENE COUNTY

P O Box 310
Leakesville, MS 39451

GRENADA COUNTY

P O Box 1517
Grenada, MS 38902

HANCOCK COUNTY

P O Box 249
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

HARRISON COUNTY

P O Box 998
Gulfport, MS 39502

HINDS COUNTY

P O Box 327
Jackson, MS 39205

HOLMES COUNTY

P O Box 718
Lexington, MS 39095

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

P O Box 696
Belzoni, MS 39038

ISSAQUENA COUNTY

P O Box 27
Mayersville, MS 39113

ITAWAMBA

201 W. Main St.
Fulton, MS 38843

JACKSON COUNTY

P O Box 998
Pascagoula, MS 39568

JASPER COUNTY

P O Box 447
Bay Springs, MS 39422

JEFFERSON COUNTY

P O Box 305
Fayette, MS 39069

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

P O Box 1082
Prentiss, MS 39474

JONES COUNTY

P O Box 1336
Laurel, MS 39441

KEMPER COUNTY

P O Box 130
DeKalb, MS 39328

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

County Courthouse
Oxford, MS 38655

LAMAR COUNTY

P O Box 369
Purvis, MS 39475

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

P O Box 1005
Meridian, MS 39302

LAWRENCE COUNTY

P O Box 1249
Monticello, MS 39654

LEAKE COUNTY

P O Box 67
Carthage, MS 39051

LEE COUNTY

P O Box 762
Tupelo, MS 38802

LEFLORE COUNTY

P O Box 1953
Greenwood, MS 38935

LINCOLN COUNTY

P O Box 357
Brookhaven, MS 39602

LOWNDES COUNTY

P O Box 31
Columbus, MS 39703

MADISON COUNTY

P O Drawer 1626
Canton, MS 39046

MARION COUNTY

250 Broad Street, Suite 1
Columbia, MS 39429

MARSHALL COUNTY

P O Box 459
Holly Springs, MS 38635

MONROE COUNTY

P O Box 843
Aberdeen, MS 39730

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

P O Box 765
Winona, MS 38967

NESHOBA COUNTY

401 E. Beacon St., Suite 110
Philadelphia, MS 39350

NEWTON COUNTY

P O Box 447
Decatur, MS 39327

NOXUBEE COUNTY

505 S. Jefferson
Macon, MS 39341

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY

Courthouse
Starkville, MS 39759

PANOLA COUNTY

P O Box 346
Batesville, MS 38606

PEARL RIVER COUNTY

200 S. Main
Poplarville, MS 39470

PERRY COUNTY

P O Box 198
New Augusta, MS 39462

PIKE COUNTY

P O Drawer 31
Magnolia, MS 39652

PONTOTOC COUNTY

P O Box 428
Pontotoc, MS 38863

PRENTISS COUNTY

P O Box 727
Booneville, MS 38829

QUITMAN COUNTY

230 Chesnut St.
Marks, MS 38646

RANKIN COUNTY

P O Box 1599
Brandon, MS 39043

SCOTT COUNTY

P O Box 371
Forest, MS 39074

SHARKEY COUNTY

P O Box 218
Rolling Fork, MS 39159

SIMPSON COUNTY

P O Box 307
Mendenhall, MS 39114

SMITH COUNTY

P O Box 517
Raleigh, MS 39153

STONE COUNTY

323 Cavers Ave.
Wiggins, MS 39577

SUNFLOWER COUNTY

P O Box 576
Indianola, MS 38751

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY

P O Box 86
Charleston, MS 38921

TATE COUNTY

201 Ward St.
Senatobia, MS 38668

TIPPAH COUNTY

Courthouse
Ripley, MS 38663

TISHOMINGO COUNTY

1008 Battleground Dr.
Iuka, MS 38852

TUNICA COUNTY

P O Box 184
Tunica, MS 38676

UNION COUNTY

P O Box 298
New Albany, MS 38652

WALTHALL COUNTY

200 Ball Ave.
Tylertown, MS 39667

WARREN COUNTY

P O Box 351
Vicksburg, MS 39181

WASHINGTON COUNTY

P O Box 1276
Greenville, MS 38702

WAYNE COUNTY

P O Box 428
Waynesboro, MS 39367

WEBSTER COUNTY

P O Box 308
Walthall, MS 39771

WILKINSON COUNTY

P O Box 327
Woodville, MS 39669

WINSTON COUNTY

P O Box 785
Louisville, MS 39339

YALOBUSHA COUNTY

P O Box 431
Water Valley, MS 38965

YAZOO COUNTY

P O Box 108
Yazoo City, MS 39194



SAMPLE EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER STORY

Operation Healthy Vote Campaign Encourages You to Make Health Care Your Mission

[Hospital name] is making it our mission to support and encourage our hospital employees to vote. This year, we are participating in the Operation Healthy Vote campaign. We want to challenge each and every employee to become involved. Operation Healthy Vote is a non-partisan initiative used to promote the health care voice in upcoming elections and emphasize how important it is to register and take time to vote. During an election year, it is critically important that health care employees stay politically active and aware.

To help promote this effort, we will feature an Operation Healthy Vote station located [location goes here]. All employees will be able to find and submit voter registration forms or update address information. Our Operation Healthy Vote station will also have "pledge" forms available. The form simply states that the individual will register and exercise his or her right to vote. Anyone who "pledges" will receive information letting them know who is running in their district, polling location information and local numbers to call for more information.

In November, voters will head to the polls to elect our nation's President and Vice President. We will also elect a US Senate representative for Mississippi. On the state level, we will vote for Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges. Operation Healthy Vote stands ready to help our hospital's employees register to vote or change their address before the October 3rd deadline. We also want to make sure everyone knows to vote on Election Day, which is November 4th. Please keep in mind that the forms are not only used to register to vote. If you have moved or changed your name, these forms can also be used to update information.

The voter registration and education program targets Mississippi health care employees, but all Mississippi residents may utilize the Web site, www.operationhealthyvote.com, to register to vote or to get educated on the health care positions of candidates. The Operation Healthy Vote site will keep visitors updated on recent news about health care issues and how they will affect the upcoming elections. The site also features sections dedicated to absentee voting, a special guide for college students and resources for those who want to become active in the Operation Healthy Vote campaign.

For more information, please contact [list contact name and number].

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At this Operation Healthy Vote station, you can:

- Register to vote
- Update your name and address (so you can vote near your home)
- Sign up to be a part of MHA's Grassroots Action Network



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VOTER REGISTRATION FAQ*

VOTER REGISTRATION QUALIFICATIONS

Every U.S. citizen who possesses the following qualifications is entitled to register to vote in Mississippi:

- An inhabitant of Mississippi, except persons judicially declared mentally incompetent; At least 18 years old (or will be by the date of the next general election);
- A resident of the state, county, and supervisor's district for 30 days;
- Has never been convicted of any crime listed in Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution (murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, or bigamy).
- Once you are registered, you generally remain registered indefinitely, unless you move or no longer meet one of the qualifications to vote.

WHERE TO REGISTER

You may register to vote either by mail or by visiting your county Circuit Clerk (usually in the county courthouse) or Municipal Clerk (usually in City Hall).

You also may register to vote when applying for or renewing your driver's license, or when applying for services at numerous state and federal government agencies.

WHEN TO REGISTER

If you register by mail: Your application must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to the election in which you want to vote.

If you register in the clerk's office: You must register at least 30 days prior to the election in which you want to vote. In most cases, Circuit Clerks and Municipal Clerks are required to register voters at any time during usual business hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

WHERE TO VOTE

After registering, you will be given your precinct name and the location of that precinct's polling place. The polls are open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. each election day.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Some registered voters are eligible to vote absentee because of age, health or work demands, or their affiliation with the U.S. armed forces. For example, voters who will be outside their county of residence on election day are entitled to vote by absentee ballot. Please check with your Circuit or Municipal Clerk to determine if you are entitled to vote absentee and to learn the procedures for doing so.

Absentee voting deadlines come early to help assure your ballot is counted. If you know you will vote absentee, contact your Circuit or Municipal Clerk at least two weeks before the election.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Elections Hotline: 800-829-6786
Elections Call center: 601-576-2550
Fax: 601-359-5019

* Source: Mississippi Secretary of State Web site

DATES TO REMEMBER*

SEPTEMBER

5th

- Absentee Ballot Applications: Deadline for circuit clerk to order absentee ballot applications for use in the November 4, 2008 General Election
- Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver the list of permanently disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the

20th

- Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Election Commission to return permanently disabled voters to Circuit Clerk's office for the November 4th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(3) (1972))

22nd

- Absentee Balloting: Earliest day to vote absentee in the Circuit Clerk's office for the General Election or to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

25th

- Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Circuit Clerks to mail absentee ballots to permanently disabled voters on file for the November 4th General Election.

29th

- Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. every day until October 3rd for voter registration. Extended hours required unless individual counties obtain pre-clearance from US Justice Department to end extended hours.

OCTOBER

3rd

- Voter Registration: Last day to register to vote for the General Election in the Circuit Clerk's Office, if the clerk's office is not open Saturday, October 4th.

4th

- Voter Registration: (Saturday) Circuit Clerk's offices may remain open until noon for voter registration for the General Election. This is the last day to register to vote in the Circuit Clerk's office, if the Clerk's office is open on Saturday. Extended hours required unless individual counties obtain pre-clearance from US Justice Department to end extended hours.

5th

- Mail-in Voter Registration: (Sunday) Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked no later than this day to be accepted for the General Election. (Note: since many post offices are closed weekends, applicants should mail or deliver applications no later than October 3rd to avoid missing this deadline.)

25th

- Absentee Balloting: (Saturday) Circuit Clerk's offices must remain open until noon for absentee voting for the General Election. Official Ballots: Deadline for official ballots to be printed and delivered to the Circuit Clerk's office for the November 4th General Election.

NOVEMBER

1st

- Absentee Balloting: Circuit Clerk's offices must remain open until noon this Saturday for absentee voting for the General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. Today at noon is the last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk's office for the general election.

3rd

- Absentee Balloting: (Monday) Mailed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. to be accepted for the General Election.

4th

- **GENERAL ELECTION:** Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting in the General Election.

* Source: Mississippi Secretary of State Web site